



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**Case No. 2019-00658-FOIA-OS  
American Oversight v. HHS, Civil No. 19-435 (D.D.C.)**

**May 23, 2019**

Mr. Austin R Evers  
Executive Director  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street, N.W., Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is an interim response to your August 28, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested the following records: "All communications between (i) Roger Severino, T. March Bell, Maya Noronha, Arina Grossu, or Louis Brown, and (ii) (ii) any of the individuals or entities listed below:

- a. Alliance Defending Freedom (adflegal.org)
- b. Operation Rescue (operationrescue.org)
- c. Center for Medical Progress (centerformedicalprogress.org)
- d. Americans United for Life (aul.org)
- e. Charlotte Lozier Institute (lozierinstitute.org)
- f. Susan B. Anthony List (sba-list.org)
- g. Heritage Foundation (heritage.org)
- h. Heritage Action for America (heritageaction.com)
- i. Federation for American Immigration Reform (fairus.org)
- j. Family Research Council (frc.org)
- k. Concerned Women for America (cwfa.org, concernedwomen.org)
- l. March for Life (marchforlife.org)
- m. American Family Association (afa.net, afr.net)
- n. Life Legal Defense Foundation
- o. Federalist Society (fedsoc.org)
- p. American Center for Law and Justice (aclj.org)
- q. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (becketlaw.org)
- r. Liberty Counsel (lc.org)
- s. First Liberty (firstliberty.org)
- t. Family Policy Alliance (familypolicyalliance.com)
- u. Thomas More Society (thomasmoresociety.org)
- v. Heartbeat International (heartbeatinternational.org)
- w. Live Action (liveaction.com)
- x. Care Net (care-net.org)
- y. Life Dynamics (lifedynamics.com)
- z. Judicial Crisis Network (judicialnetwork.com)

aa. Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (erlc.com)  
bb. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)  
cc. National Right to Life Committee (nrlc.org)  
dd. Priests for Life (priestsforlife.org)  
ee. Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund (consciencedefense.org)  
ff. Representative Marsha Blackburn and any members of her staff  
gg. Troy Newman  
hh. Cheryl Sullenger  
ii. David Daleiden  
jj. Leonard Leo  
kk. Mark Crutcher  
ll. Albin Rhomberg  
mm. Sean Fieler

The Department processed **2042 pages** of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search for FOIA request 2019-00658-FOIA-OS. After a careful review of these pages, I have determined to release **26** pages to you in their entirety, and I am further releasing **(4) four** pages in part, with portions redacted, pursuant to Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6)). I have determined that **2012** pages are non-responsive and duplicative to your request.

FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits a Federal agency to withhold information and records about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The definition of "similar files" has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term "similar files" to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure, and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public's interest in disclosure.

We will continue to review the remaining records as efficiently and expeditiously as possible, consistent with our available resources and the Order of the Court. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Michael S. Marquis  
Director  
Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Division

Enclosure(s)

April 10, 2018

Justin Butterfield  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
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Mr. Butterfield,

On September 8, 2018, the Texas Lawyers Chapters of The Federalist Society will convene in beautiful downtown Fort Worth for the fourth annual Texas Chapters Conference. Justice Clarence Thomas has agreed to serve as the Keynote Lecturer and will inaugurate the *Gregory S. Coleman Memorial Lecture Series*. The CLE panels will feature judges, practitioners, and policymakers from the government, private, and nonprofit sectors — including:

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas
- Texas Attorney General's Office
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- Judicial Crisis Network
- Heritage Foundation
- First Liberty Institute
- Becket

We cordially invite you to participate in the CLE panel moderated by Fifth Circuit Judge Don R. Willett: *Religious Liberty and Conscience Rights in the Trump Era*. This panel should also include: (1) Kelly Shackelford, President, First Liberty Institute; (2) Eric Rassbach, Deputy General Counsel, Becket; and (3) Nelson Tebbe, Cornell Law School.

We hope you will join us in September and thereby contribute to another great Texas Chapters Conference. In the interim, if you have any questions about the Conference, venue, or schedule, please contact Lisa Ezell at 202.822.8714, or Matthew Kacsmaryk at 817.312.0288.

Sincerely,



Lisa Budzynski Ezell  
Vice President, Lawyers Chapters  
The Federalist Society



Matthew Kacsmaryk  
Vice President, Programs Director  
Fort Worth Lawyers Chapter

cc: Leonard Leo, The Federalist Society

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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Special Invitation
<b>Date:</b>	2018/01/16 21:34:13
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Hi Arina!

I land at 4:00 tomorrow, so I should be able to make the call and then I'll look forward to seeing you Thursday morning.

Thank you!

Andy

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**From:** Grossu, Arina (HHS/OCR) (CTR) [mailto:[Arina.Grossu@hhs.gov](mailto:Arina.Grossu@hhs.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** abath@thomasmoresociety.org  
**Subject:** RE: Special Invitation

Hi Andy,

Sure thing! The 1/18 event or also the stakeholder call? The call-in number is: (b)(6), pass code (b)(6)

Cheers,  
Arina

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**Subject:** RE: Special Invitation

Hi Arina!

I know you are busy, but I wonder if you can add me to the invitation list.

Thank you!

Andy

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Hi Arina!

This is brilliant! Do you have room for one more at your announcement event?

Thank you!

Andy

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----- Forwarded message -----

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Friends,

Below please accept our invitation to join a special stakeholder call and attend a special meeting.

Please note this information is strictly confidential and the invitations are not transferable. You will want to arrive early enough to go through screening.

We appreciate you.

Warmly,

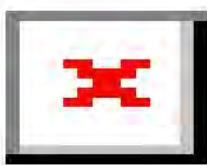
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### **January 18 Event: HHS Announcement of New Division on Conscience and Religious Freedom**

**The following information is strictly confidential, close hold, and subject to change.**

On January 18, 2018, HHS will announce the establishment of a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within its Office for Civil Rights specializing in enforcement of and compliance with laws that protect conscience and free exercise of religion, and that prohibit coercion and discrimination.

HHS is taking a leading role in implementing President Trump's Executive Order on Free Speech and Religious Liberty and the Department of Justice's Religious Liberty Guidance.

Please join Acting Secretary Hargan, Leader McCarthy, Rep. Hartzler, and special guests as we celebrate this important milestone.

**-This Invitation is Non-Transferable-**

**Call:**

**What: Stakeholder call**

**Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 5-5:30 pm ET**

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Vince

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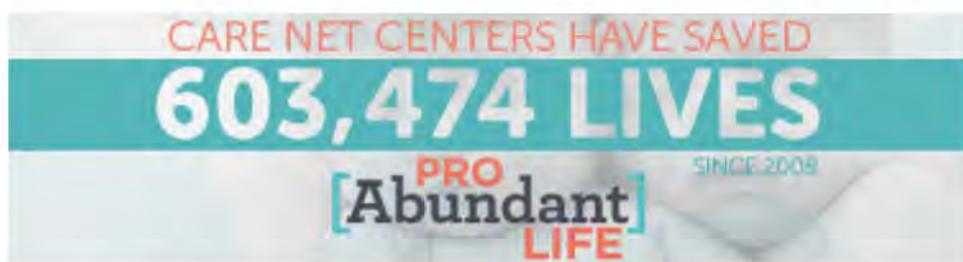
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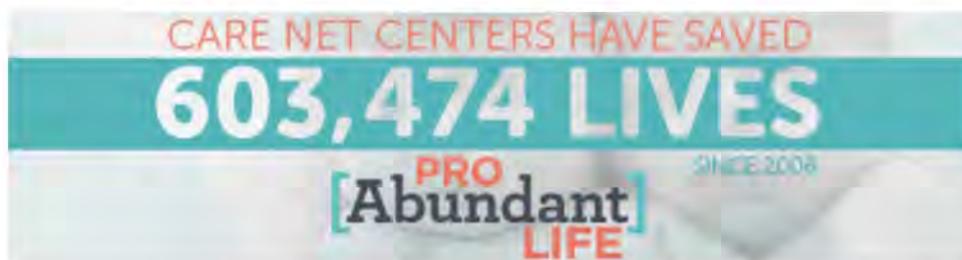
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Got it.

Cheers,  
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I'll be there tomorrow with Genevieve Plaster. Thank you!

Eric

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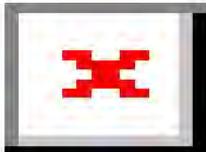
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Warmly,

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**Importance:** High

Ms. Grossu,

On the recommendation of the National Office and Texas Lawyers Chapters of The Federalist Society, I have attached an electronic PDF copy of the letter inviting OCR Senior Advisor Justin Butterfield to participate in

the *Religious Liberty and Conscience Rights* CLE panel at the 2018 Texas Chapters Conference.  
See Attachment

As noted in the attached letter, Justice Clarence Thomas has graciously agreed to serve as the Keynote Lecturer and will thereby inaugurate the *Gregory S. Coleman Memorial Lecture Series*: <https://fedsoc.org/events/2018-texas-chapters-conference-1>

We look forward to seeing Mr. Butterfield in downtown Cowtown!

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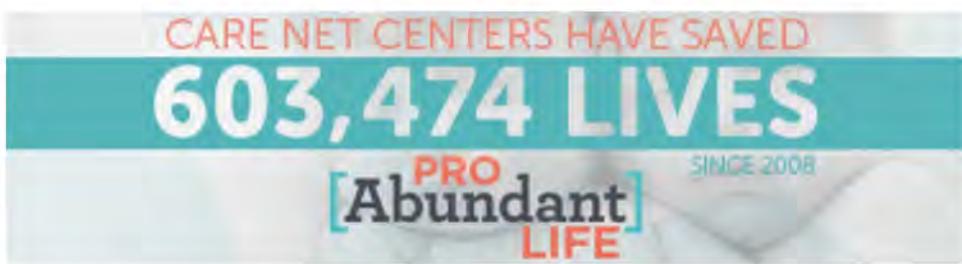
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Hi Greg,

Great! I have you down for both the call and the event. The call-in for tomorrow is: (b)(6)  
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Cheers,  
Arina

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 1:18 PM  
**To:** Grossu, Arina (HHS/OCR) (CTR) <[Arina.Grossu@hhs.gov](mailto:Arina.Grossu@hhs.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Invitation

Arina,

Change of plans. I will be attending this event after all. No one else from here (except possibly Melissa Swearingen who RSVP'd) can attend so I'll be there.

Greg Schleppenbach  
 Associate Director  
 Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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**From:** Greg Schleppenbach  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 9:27 AM

**To:** 'arina.grossu@hhs.gov' <[arina.grossu@hhs.gov](mailto:arina.grossu@hhs.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Special Invitation

Arina,

I'll be on the call tomorrow but unfortunately cannot attend the meeting on Thursday due to our Pro-Life Leadership Mass. Thanks for the invite!

Greg Schleppenbach  
Associate Director  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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**From:** Royce, Shannon (OS/CFBNP) [<mailto:Shannon.Royce@hhs.gov>]  
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**Subject:** Special Invitation

Friends,

Below please accept our invitation to join a special stakeholder call and attend a special meeting.

Please note this information is strictly confidential and the invitations are not transferable. You will want to arrive early enough to go through screening.

We appreciate you.

Warmly,

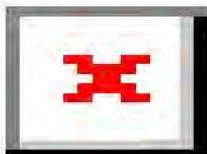
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**January 18 Event: HHS Announcement of  
New Division on Conscience and Religious Freedom**

**The following information is strictly confidential, close hold, and subject to change.**

On January 18, 2018, HHS will announce the establishment of a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within its Office for Civil Rights specializing in enforcement of and compliance with laws that protect conscience and free exercise of religion, and that prohibit coercion and discrimination.

HHS is taking a leading role in implementing President Trump's Executive Order on Free Speech and Religious Liberty and the Department of Justice's Religious Liberty Guidance.

Please join Acting Secretary Hargan, Leader McCarthy, Rep. Hartzler, and special guests as we celebrate this important milestone.

**-This Invitation is Non-Transferable-**

**Call:**

**What: Stakeholder call**

**Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 5-5:30 pm ET**

(To join on this call, please RSVP no later than January 16 at 5 pm ET by emailing Arina Grossu, [arina.grossu@hhs.gov](mailto:arina.grossu@hhs.gov) )

**Main Event:**

**What: HHS Announcement of New Division on Conscience and Religious Freedom**

**Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018, 10:30-11:30 am ET**

**Location:**

HHS Auditorium, First Floor  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20201

**Congressional Speakers:**

**\*Rep. Kevin McCarthy**, House Majority Leader

**\*Rep. Vicky Hartzler**, Co-Chair of House Values Action Team

**Sen. James Lankford**, R-OK

**HHS Speakers:**

**\*Eric Hargan**, HHS Acting Secretary

**\*Roger Severino**, Director of the Office for Civil Rights at HHS.

**Leadership Speakers:**

**\*Montse Alvarado**, Executive Director of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

**\*Rabbi Mitchell Rocklin**, President of the Jewish Coalition for Religious Liberty, an Army National Guard Chaplain, and a member of the Rabbinical Council of America's Executive Committee

**\*Dr. Everett Piper**, President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

**\*Asma Uddin**, Fellow, Initiative on Security and Religious Freedom at UCLA; founder of AltMuslimah.

\*Confirmed.

This event will be livestreamed at [www.hhs.gov/live](http://www.hhs.gov/live) and open to the press.

(If you would like to attend this event at HHS, please RSVP no later than January 16 at 5 pm ET by emailing your name and affiliation to Arina Grossu, [arina.grossu@hhs.gov](mailto:arina.grossu@hhs.gov). Please bring a U.S. government-issued ID with you.)

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Thanks Genevieve! I look forward to seeing you on Thursday. The call-in number is: (b)(6)  
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Cheers,  
 Arina

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**To:** Grossu, Arina (HHS/OCR) (CTR) <Arina.Grossu@hhs.gov>  
**Subject:** RSVP - 1/17 and 1/18

Hi Arina,

I hope you are well and have enjoyed the start to the new year so far! I received the exciting invitation – thank you for including me. I'd like to RSVP for both the call on Weds as well as the main announcement on Thurs.

Very much looking forward to it. And congrats again!  
 Genevieve

**Genevieve Plaster**  
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**Case No. 2019-00658-FOIA-OS**

**Case No. 2019-00568-FOIA-OS**

**American Oversight v. HHS, Civil No. 19-435 (D.D.C.)**

**August 26, 2019 (draft)**

Mr. Austin R. Evers  
Executive Director  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street, N.W., Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Sent via email: [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the fourth and final response to your August 28, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, you requested the following records:

“All communications between (i) Roger Severino, T. March Bell, Maya Noronha, Arina Grossu, or Louis Brown, and (ii) (ii) any of the individuals or entities listed below:

- a. Alliance Defending Freedom ([adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org))
- b. Operation Rescue ([operationrescue.org](http://operationrescue.org))
- c. Center for Medical Progress ([centerformedicalprogress.org](http://centerformedicalprogress.org))
- d. Americans United for Life ([aul.org](http://aul.org))
- e. Charlotte Lozier Institute ([lozierinstitute.org](http://lozierinstitute.org))
- f. Susan B. Anthony List ([sba-list.org](http://sba-list.org))
- g. Heritage Foundation ([heritage.org](http://heritage.org))
- h. Heritage Action for America ([heritageaction.com](http://heritageaction.com))
- i. Federation for American Immigration Reform ([fairus.org](http://fairus.org))
- j. Family Research Council ([frc.org](http://frc.org))
- k. Concerned Women for America ([cwfa.org](http://cwfa.org), [concernedwomen.org](http://concernedwomen.org))
- l. March for Life ([marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org))
- m. American Family Association ([afa.net](http://afa.net), [afr.net](http://afr.net))
- n. Life Legal Defense Foundation
- o. Federalist Society ([fedsoc.org](http://fedsoc.org))
- p. American Center for Law and Justice ([aclj.org](http://aclj.org))
- q. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty ([becketlaw.org](http://becketlaw.org))
- r. Liberty Counsel ([lc.org](http://lc.org))
- s. First Liberty ([firstliberty.org](http://firstliberty.org))
- t. Family Policy Alliance ([familypolicyalliance.com](http://familypolicyalliance.com))
- u. Thomas More Society ([thomasmoreorganization.org](http://thomasmoreorganization.org))
- v. Heartbeat International ([heartbeatinternational.org](http://heartbeatinternational.org))
- w. Live Action ([liveaction.com](http://liveaction.com))
- x. Care Net ([care-net.org](http://care-net.org))
- y. Life Dynamics ([lifedynamics.com](http://lifedynamics.com))
- z. Judicial Crisis Network ([judicialnetwork.com](http://judicialnetwork.com))

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**American Oversight v. HHS, Civil No. 19-435 (D.D.C.)**

- aa. Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (erlc.com)
- bb. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)
- cc. National Right to Life Committee (nrlc.org)
- dd. Priests for Life (priestsforlife.org)
- ee. Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund (consciencedefense.org)
- ff. Representative Marsha Blackburn and any members of her staff
- gg. Troy Newman
- hh. Cheryl Sullenger
- ii. David Daleiden
- jj. Leonard Leo
- kk. Mark Crutcher
- ll. Albin Rhomberg
- mm. Sean Fielker

The Department processed **1923 pages** of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search for FOIA request 2019-00658-FOIA-OS. After a careful review of these pages, I have determined that **three (3) pages** can be released in their entirety. I have determined that **1920 pages** are non-responsive to your request.

Additionally, the agency reviewed and processed 318 pages of records responsive to FOIA request 2019-00568-FOIA-OS. After careful review of these pages, I have determined to release **187 pages** to you in their entirety, and I am further releasing **48 pages** in part, with portions redacted, pursuant to Exemptions (b)(2), (b)(5), and (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(2), (b)(5), and (b)(6)). **I have also determined to withhold 83 pages in their entirety, pursuant to Exemption (b)(2), (b)(5), and (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(2), (b)(5), and (b)(6)).**

FOIA exemption (b)(2) permits the withholding of records that are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.

FOIA exemption (b)(5) protects inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. This exemption protects documents that would be covered by any privilege an agency could assert in a civil proceeding. These privileges include, among others, the deliberative process privilege, the attorney-client privilege, and the attorney work-product privilege. In this instance, the deliberative-process privilege applies.

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FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits a Federal agency to withhold information and records about individuals in “personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The definition of “similar files” has historically been broadly interpreted to include a wide variety of files, and the United States Supreme Court has held that Congress intended the term “similar files” to be interpreted broadly, rather than narrowly. I have analyzed these records and find they meet the threshold requirement of this exemption. Additionally, I have reviewed and weighed the public interest in disclosure of this information against the privacy interest in nondisclosure, and found that the privacy interest outweighs the public’s interest in disclosure.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department’s response and\or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Brandon J. Gaylord  
Supervisory Government Information Specialist  
and HHS FOIA/PA Public Liaison

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Dear Mr. Severino,

We are so grateful you could join us for the 2017 National Lawyers Convention. Please find attached a copy of a thank you letter from Dean we have placed in the mail today. I have also attached a form for submitting any expenses related to your convention participation.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Laura Flint

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Laura Flint  
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December 1, 2017

Mr. Roger Severino  
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Dear Mr. Severino,

Thank you very much for participating in our 2017 National Lawyers Convention. Every year, the NLC is the signature event of the Lawyers Division, and it was wonderful to have you as a panelist. This year's NLC was the largest ever, we received great reviews from attendees, and the success we enjoyed was only made possible by your important contributions.

Please note that videos of all panel presentations and addresses are now available for viewing on our website at [www.fed-soc.org](http://www.fed-soc.org). If you incurred any expenses related to attending the NLC, please send the attached form and your pertinent receipts to our Director of Conferences, Juli Nix at [juli.nix@fedsoc.org](mailto:juli.nix@fedsoc.org).

Again, thank you for your time and valuable expertise, as we could not have delivered such a substantive and enjoyable convention without you.

Sincerely,

Dean A. Reuter  
General Counsel, Vice President and Practice  
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